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Applicant: Yuji Okamoto et al. Group: 2436

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

In response to the Official Action currently outstanding with regard to the above-identified application, WHICH Official Action the Examiner has designated as being FINAL, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows: